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Hi there,

I live in a neighbourhood where we are not provided with the option of brown bins for disposal of food waste.

We use plastic bags for our general and recycling disposal (in 2022!) and there is no service which collects our compost.

I don't have the luxury of having a garden where I could store wheelie bins so they are not an option for me or many of my neighbours. Nor do I have space for my own domestic composting facility - I have looked into it, believe me.

I feel patronised by the statement below which is an extract from the 'Draft National Food Waste Prevention Road map' which suggests to me that this consultation is disconnected from the lived experience of communities like mine.

The statement below reflects a lack of awareness. It seems to suggest that reducing and disposing of food waste is down to individual behaviour, rather than scrutinising the services provided for communities like mine where many of us would like to reduce food waste thanks to composting. We simply don't have space for composting facilities indoors or outdoors and as a result we throw our food waste into the general bin.

It's my opinion that this consultation should reflect on municipal services provided to communities and scrutinise the responsibilities of government both national and local to provide services that ensure that everyone is offered the option of composting, before suggesting that we make these patronising and generic changes to our individual behaviour.

Householders

As a householder you can support the food waste reduction goals by following guidance and tips on household food waste prevention that are available through the national campaign StopFoodWaste.ie (<https://stopfoodwaste.ie/>). Commit to raising awareness around food waste and share your knowledge and experience.